

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph in the Specification that begins on page 1, line 24 and ends on page 2, line 7, as follows:

Some systems use various techniques to predict events before they occur. One such system is described in commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,327,550, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. In such systems one response to the discovery or prediction is to bring the event to the attention of a human operator. For example, these management systems can issue a text message alert and different techniques may be employed for presenting this text message to the operator, such as a Windows dialog box, monitoring consoles, event logs, email messages, or pager messages. The alert can also be a provided as an audio message through loudspeakers, headsets, or a telephone. An example of a system that provides audio alert messaging is described in commonly owned, concurrently filed, co-pending U.S. Utility Application No. 10/091,067, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Generating and Recognizing Speech as a User Interface Element in Systems and Network Management", the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. Commonly owned, concurrently filed, co-pending U.S. Utility Application No. 10/091,065, entitled "Method ~~And~~ and Apparatus ~~For~~ for Generating Context-Descriptive Messages", is also incorporated by reference in its entirety.